



Announcing:

George Washington
Carver 4th Grade Art
and Essay Contest!

2017 Theme:

“My work is that of conservation, the saving of
things that the average person throws away.”
G.W. Carver, 1936

FIND YOUR
PARK

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Use the quote to explore the theme of conservation and sustainability. Submit artwork and essays during February!

WE’LL VISIT YOUR CLASS!

A volunteer will present an overview of George Washington Carver’s life and how he practiced conservation. Call 417-325-4151 to schedule a classroom visit.

RESOURCES TO GET YOU STARTED!

Find more resources at www.nps.gov/gwca

FINE ARTS GLEs!

FA: 2.A, 3.A, 1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 2.C, 1E, 1G, 3.G, FA.1, FA.2, FA.3, VA.1, VA.2, VA.3

COMMON CORE!

ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

FOLLOW THE RULES!

Entries must be delivered to the park or postmarked by **February 17, 2017**.
Please carefully follow the contest rules, enclosed.

AWARDS CEREMONY!

Trophies, ribbons, and gift certificates will be presented **March 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**



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4th Grade Art and Essay Contest Rules

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Attention Teachers!

ARTWORK: Each teacher should submit one completed **“Art Entry Sheet”**, enclosed. Attach a typed list of all students submitting artwork. Please do not list students who are not participating in the art category. **Special note for groups:** Group entries must include a typed list of each group member, school, teacher name.

ESSAYS: Each teacher should submit one completed **“Essay Entry Sheet”**, enclosed. Attach a typed list of all students submitting essays. Please do not list students who are not participating in the essay category.

Art Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to the lower back corner of each art entry, so it is out of view of judges: student name (or group member names), school, teacher (include art teacher and classroom teacher, if applicable)

There are two, separate art categories and winners will be chosen in each: 2-D and 3-D.

Size Limitations

Please be careful to observe size limitations. Items oversized will not be eligible for awards. Two-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches on each side. 2D media includes drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and mixed media.

Three-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. 3D artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. Sponsors are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping or handling. Loose items may be subject to loss or damage.

Group projects are encouraged. **Groups must consist of 3-5 students**. Group projects may not exceed 36 inches in height, width, or depth.

Judges will give special consideration to projects that utilize natural and/or recycled materials but please do not include live, potted plants or any food items, such as peanuts.

Essay Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to a lower, back corner of each essay: name of student, school, and teacher. Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Longer essays will not be eligible for awards. Please encourage double-sided pages but do not use staples, folders, or binders.

Digital entries are encouraged! Accepted formats include .doc, .docx, or .rtf.

Submit digital entries to: GWCA_interpretation@nps.gov by the deadline.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Judging is based on the following criteria:

ART

Expression of the theme
Originality
Technical ability
Creativity

ESSAY

Contest theme/Idea development
Conventions/Mechanical correctness
Sentence fluency
Presentation

Organization
Word choice
Voice

Everyone who participates is a winner!

- Certificate of participation for each student
- Ribbons for Honorable Mentions
- Museum store gift certificate for first place individual and first place group winners
- Trophies for first, second, and third place awarded in essay, individual art, and group art
- Trophies and museum store gift certificate for Most Creative Classroom teachers

DEADLINE

The deadline for all entries is **February 17, 2017**. If mailed they must be postmarked by this date.

Deliver or mail entries to: George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840

THE SHOW Entries will be displayed inside the visitor center at George Washington Carver National Monument from March 6th - 25th between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. Please invite families to visit the exhibit! George Washington Carver National Monument is free of charge.

THE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument, all participating students and families, teachers and principals are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Winning students will read their essays and interpret their artwork.

Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by emailing the rangers: gwca_interpretation@nps.gov.

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Art and Essay on the Web:

<http://www.nps.gov/gwca/forteachers/art-and-essay-contest.htm>

MSSU Dept. of Teacher Education: <http://www.mssu.edu/academics/education/teacher/index.php>

Carver Birthplace Association: <http://www.carverbirthplaceassoc.org/>



Art Entry Sheet

Teachers, please submit:

- 1. this completed Art Entry Sheet**
- 2. a typed list of all students participating in the art category**
- 3. your students' art entries**

If you have any questions, please call the park rangers at 417-325-4151 or email: gwca_interpretation@nps.gov.

Classroom Teacher: _____

Art Teacher: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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Essay Entry Sheet

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- 2. a typed list of all students participating in the essay category**
- 3. your students' essay entries**

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